

Remarks

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, in response to the Office's Restriction Requirement. This election is made with traverse because although claims 1-14 currently are pending, claims 10-13 are omitted from the groups from which Applicants are required to elect. Applicants submit that this is improper; this entire Requirement should be withdrawn. If it is the Office's intention to maintain the Requirement, Applicants request that claims 10-13 be rejoined with the elected group and examined in the first instance, since Applicants were not afforded the opportunity to elect these claims in this response.

In response to the Requirement for Species Elections Applicants elect (1) PADRE.

Applicants have made amendments to the specification herein to correct a minor typographical error on page 8. No new matter is added.

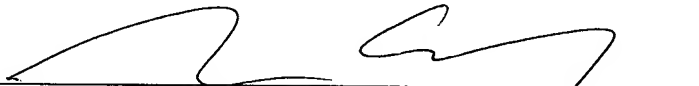
Applicants have amended the claims herein to add sequence identifiers to the claims as requested in the Action. No new matter has been added. All sequences that are disclosed in the specification are set forth in the Sequence Listing filed as part of the original application and all instances where these sequences are mentioned in the specification or claims now are provided with a sequence identifier, preceded by "SEQ ID NO:," by

amendment, as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(c) and (d).

Applicants submit that the claims comply with the requirements of the sequence rules and therefore request that the objection to claims 2, 4-6, 11 and 13 be withdrawn.

Applicants now request examination of claims 1-13 on the merits and favorable consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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